

Weekly Column for May 4, 2006

This morning I was having a cup of coffee with my wife while reading the latest edition of Metroland, which happened to have a wonderful write up about Carmen's Café.

For those who haven't been to Carmen's yet, it is located on the corner of Adams Street and 1st Street. If I do say so myself, it is a must for breakfast and lunch. I brought over a copy of the Metroland, and sat down for some breakfast, which consisted of Cuban Eggs. Absolutely delicious. If you are in the mood for a great meal with original cooking, Carmen's is the place.

Today is one of those days in Troy that makes you love upstate New York even more than you can imagine. The sun is shining and it's 70 degrees. There are people milling about everywhere you look. Downtown is bustling, and with the exception of a car alarm that has been going on and off for the past 45 minutes, everyone appears to be happy.

The best part of the whole thing is that the 10-day forecast features sunny skies and warm temperatures through next weekend, which is important for several reasons. This weekend we have several Little Leagues opening their seasons, specifically South Troy and Independent in Lansingburgh. We also have the 2006 Literacy Run, which is set to take place throughout the downtown this coming Sunday. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for all of the volunteers.

Next week is full of great events as well. On Friday, the City of Troy is participating in a golf tournament at Frear Park Golf Course to benefit the family of one of our employees, Bill Lambertsen, who is currently serving in Iraq. The expected turnout for that event is a great tribute to the men and women who work for the City, and we certainly continue to wish Bill all the best as he serves his country proudly.

On May 13th, while the City of Albany is having some kind of festival involving flowers, the City of Troy will be hosting our first-ever Striped Bass Fishing Tournament. The feedback we have received since first announcing this exciting idea has been terrific. With more than a week to go we already have 200 people signed up to fish.

The tournament is set to run from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a festival following outside of the Ale House on River Street. If you do not plan on fishing, by all means come down to the festival and take a peak at some of the big winners, the band, and the great atmosphere we're expecting. More information can be found on the tournament by visiting the homepage of the City website.

I hope everyone is having a magnificent week. Great things are happening in Troy, keep the faith.

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